

# ICEJ Aid

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN EMBASSY JERUSALEM



## February 2010 Email Update

### Quick Response

#### Winter Distribution 2010

This winter, ICEJ AID gave blankets and heaters and subsidized electricity costs for disadvantaged families, single mothers, and the elderly in Jerusalem, Ramla, and Netanya. View our video to the right or click the link below to see one of the blanket distributions. We want to express a warm thank you to all our donors for your generosity in helping us warm hearts and homes during the cold winter months.

[Winter Distribution 2010 Video](#)



### Spotlight on...

#### Orthodox Scouts of Jaffa

The picturesque streets of Old Jaffa overlooking the Mediterranean Sea are a favorite tourist site. Not far from the sea, the flea market is bustling with activity as buyers look for bargains or stop for a famed pastry or pita at one of the local bakery shops. However, beyond the familiar cultural centers, historical tourist areas, the inner streets of the city reveal their own story.

One of the few mixed cities in Israel, Jaffa faces many challenges with racial tensions ever present and high levels of street violence, drugs and crime. People from different backgrounds rarely mix in schools or social settings.

This is where the Orthodox Scouts of Jaffa steps in, offering an alternative to the street. Run by volunteers, they are open every day of the week to 160 Christian, Muslim, and Jewish youth ages 6-17.



Dedicated to co-existence, youth volunteer in organized community service projects and participate in sports, music, and educational programs. Coexistence summer camps, cultural

exchange days, and an annual tri-holiday parade celebrating Hanukkah, Eid Al Fitr, and Christmas give the opportunity for troops of different backgrounds to learn about the culture and tradition of others.



This treasure, tucked away on Salsila Street, is a daily buzz of activity. However, they experienced a recent set back with the theft of 11 computers used for studies and computer classes for children without a computer at home. Additional municipal welfare cuts put a stop to music classes for the orchestra. Undaunted, George Manzour, the energetic director, set out to find the resources to replace the computers and jumpstart the popular music program.

Given the opportunity to benefit those dedicated to breaking down cultural barriers in order to build a different future for the next generation, ICEJ AID gladly contributed 5 new computers and 6 months of music lessons. With new security measures in place, we hope that they will enjoy the use of the computers for some time to come.

The donation caused a lot of excitement. George wrote, *"We would like to convey our deepest gratitude to the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem and to the Christians around the world for your generous donation. Thank you for your concern for youth at risk and for your belief in coexistence. Your donation will help us to affect the future of the next generation."*

**Help us support...**

### **A Remembrance of Redemption**



One of the most significant holidays in Israel, Passover is a time to gather with loved ones to observe this ancient festival. However, for many families Passover can be a difficult time as many don't have resources needed to purchase basic food items to celebrate the holiday with dignity. Join us in sending our best wishes to the people of Israel from Christians worldwide. Help ICEJ AID ensure that these families will enjoy a memorable holiday meal this Passover.

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